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Foreword

On April 24, 2004, The Ohio State University College of Social Work hosted the Sixteenth National Symposium on Doctoral Research in Social Work, continuing the rich tradition of disseminating high quality, new research in the profession. These *Proceedings* showcase the dissertation research that was presented at this unique forum.

This year's keynote speaker, Claudia Coulton, Lillian F. Harris Professor and Co-Director of the Center on Urban Poverty and Social Change, Mandel School of Applied Social Sciences, Case Western Reserve University, began the symposium by addressing "Community in Social Work Research" to the faculty, practitioners, students, and recent Ph.D. recipients who were present. Her thoughtful remarks provided an opportunity for all those involved in doctoral education to reflect on *community* and its place in social work research.

In addition, eight recent graduates of social work programs throughout the country were invited to share their research at the symposium. The abstracts in the following pages illustrate the rich diversity of research being conducted by doctoral students and the variety of doctoral programs in North America. Their dissertation research will certainly serve as models for future scholarship and for fostering knowledge building in the field of social work.

To all those who took part in the 2004 Symposium, we express our sincere thanks. We offer these *Proceedings* to the constantly expanding knowledge base that influences the social work profession.

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